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## AN EVENING'S TRIP TO PELE'S BURNING HOME

Looking Down on a Red Mass of Molten Rock While Standing on the Undermined Brink of Kilauea's Active Crater.

Thanksgiving evening, about eight o'clock, our party of ten, including two guides, started out from the Volcano House and down the steep and well worn trail that leads onto the brittle lava floor of Kilauea. The cool night air made extra wraps acceptable, although portions of the trail, where it crossed or approached steam cracks, were decidedly warm. On the left towered for some distance the beetling side walls of Kilauea, while to the right, 10,000 feet above, glowed with great brilliancy the summit crater of Mokuawewe. Back of us could barely be discerned a faint glimmer from the point of departure. The moon was fitful, seldom showing herself except through the clouds.

Impressed with the awful grandeur of our surroundings, silence was more eloquent than words. In Indian file, for about two and a half miles, we wormed our way toward a spot over which hung a pink haze, finally leaving the horses at a small rock corral.

Approaching Halemaumau at a place to the right of the blow holes, with a suddenness that almost took one's breath away, we found ourselves over the great illumined pit most of the floor of which boiled and surged, a great red mass of molten rock. Now and then, at the beckon of Pele down below, portions of the side walls would fall in with a rumble and roar terrifying to the watchers, but nevertheless fascinating.

One of the guides pointed out in back of us a crack about a foot wide which had come but the day before. It was evident too that the flashes of light came chiefly from under the wall on which we stood. I freely admit that these two facts made me uneasy, and I finally persuaded the head guide to escort my wife and myself further to the right toward the brink on the westward side, as nearly opposite as possible to our first position. Some of the other members of the party started with us, but they soon desisted, there being no trail, and the treacherous surface often breaking down with our weight.

The attempt was well rewarded, however, for, besides the greater feeling of security, we could see that there was in fact a cave under the other wall, and that there was playing in the abyssal depths a fire fountain, weird and wonderful in the extreme. With a great glare of light, a stream of liquid rock would spout into the air, spattering now on one side, now on the other. The great hole resounded again and again, as this ejected material fell back whence it came. At times, between the fountain bursts, the core of the main disturbance seemed to draw in the molten mass on its circumference, thus making a circle of white light distinct from the rest of the floor which had then become somewhat cooled, bright light, however, showing through its cracks.

Viewing such a sight, we became unconscious of the time, until the guide called our attention to the lantern of the other guide disappearing toward the corral. Yet, before going for the horses, we descended into one of the steam caves, and, exploring with sputtering candle, made a collection of stalactites that more resembled "nigger babies" than anything else. Then we scorched postal cards over a very hot and dry crack as realistic souvenirs for Eastern friends.

With Halemaumau fresh in our minds, the return ride was even more impressive than the other. Most of the time nothing could be heard but the crunching of the lava under the horses' feet. The animals themselves needed no guiding, and all the riders had to do was to muse. The moon was slowly sinking behind a black cloud-bank, but to its sight the outline of Mauna Loa was clearly visible, rising from strata of white clouds, a contrast as distinct as it was unusual. Above the constant flare of Mokuawewe was the clear blue ether, while still higher was a mass of clouds delicately pinked by the summit fires.

Ten, black, silent, centaur-like figures at last wended their way through the trees and ferns along the steep trail upward and outward, each one having passed another milestone on life's journey. J. A. M.

## BUSINESS DONE BY EDUCATION BOARD

A meeting of the Board of Education was held yesterday morning, constituted by A. T. Atkinson, Superintendent of Public Instruction; Mrs. W. W. Hall, Mrs. E. W. Jordan and Charles L. Hopkins, Commissioners; with Dr. C. T. Rodgers, secretary. Mr. Atkinson exhibited his new commission received from Governor Carter.

On the recommendation of the Superintendent it was voted to release seven boys from the Industrial school at Waialea on parole Christmas Day, their freedom to continue as long as their good behavior. Principal Gibson furnished the names of the seven boys from the conduct record.

Appointments made to vacancies by the Superintendent and school agents are confirmed as follows: Miss Alice D. Ewart to succeed Miss F. J. Andrews of the Royal school; Miss Mary Cockburn to succeed Miss Florence J. Scott at Kailua, North; Miss Millie Morris to succeed Miss Catherine at Makana; Mrs. Bridgeater, principal of Pohakupuka, North; Miss Mrs. M. Deacon.

The following resignations were reported: R. L. Ogilvie, Kipahulu; Miss Emma Withan, Kaaunohu; S. L. Merriam and Miss Elizabeth Cartwright, High school. The Superintendent was corresponding with San Francisco about a successor to Mr. Merriam, while Prof.

## FEDERAL COURT DOINGS YESTERDAY

Henry E. Cooper was admitted to practice law in the United States courts of the Territory, on motion of W. O. Smith, by Judge Dole.

William Ellerbrook, German, was naturalized. Torazo Miyamura, arraigned under indictment for peonage and holding a human being in involuntary servitude, pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for December 22.

Several defendants under indictment for various offenses were allowed to reserve their pleas until Wednesday next.

Chester A. Doyle was appointed Japanese Interpreter to the Federal court by Judge Dole. He had the backing of the Bar Association as well as the Japanese Merchants' Association.

M. M. Scott had written to Berkeley for a successor to Miss Cartwright. The Christmas vacation was set from December 18 to January 4.

From a report by Inspector King, the Superintendent told of great improvement in the Kalaupapa school since it came under charge of John Unea, formerly a teacher at Hilo.

Upon a discussion of the appropriation of \$5000 by the Legislature to aid worthy pupils in the Normal school, Mrs. Hall and Mr. von Holt were appointed a committee to act with Superintendent Atkinson in administering the fund.

## HOLLOWAY'S OPERATIONS

Many Works With Small Means Therefor.

C. S. Holloway, Superintendent of Public Works, was in conference with Governor Carter over the affairs of his department yesterday afternoon. Finances of the department were gone over, a state of things being exhibited which dictated close sailing to the wind for the short remainder of the year.

Superintendent Cooper, before retiring from office, had signed approval of expenditures \$11,469.43 in excess of the authorization for October. Superintendent Holloway finds \$21,034.73 more in unapproved bills outstanding, which with the payrolls makes total obligations amounting to \$52,000 and odd upon an authorization of \$30,000.

"Not knowing just where we stood in finances," the Governor said after the conference, "we agreed that we should at least pay the labor bills, so that the laborers could get their money."

The November and December bills are yet to be figured. Contracts already let on loan account prior to Mr. Holloway's taking office, amount to \$44,532, and work in progress under current account appropriations amounts to \$30,000. Payrolls are also to be counted, and, to carry on the department to the end of the year, will require almost \$70,000.

"One serious matter," Governor Carter said, "is that some of the road boards have been in the habit of ignoring Mr. Cooper's authorizations and instructions and spending money in excess of the amounts authorized."

"The new administration will not tolerate such actions, and if any road board spends money beyond its authority its members will have to assume personal responsibility. There is found to be an excess of \$3,043.15 in road board expenditures. Some of this will have to go over to the next Legislature. I do not know if we will recommend the Legislature to pay such bills. It would have a good effect if those who give credit to road boards without knowing what authority is back of their expenditures were to go without their money."

The contracts let under the loan bill, the Governor went on to say, were those for the new jail and the Diamond Head reservoir. It was decided to go ahead and complete these, as the contracts could not be violated.

Mr. Holloway is also to build the new Royal school house. It will be on the old site in Emma street.

The Inter Island Telegraph Co. was authorized to change the location of its station on Molokai to a point near Kaunakakai. This makes little difference, as Molokai is not a part of the main system now, but the change will bring the wireless telegraph into better communication with the telephone system of Molokai. The company drew its monthly subsidy of \$1,000 last month.

Bids for dredging Honolulu harbor were taken up by the Governor and the Superintendent of Public Works. "Neither of us can see," the Governor said, "how we can go ahead with this work on any other than the loan appropriation of \$50,000. Retrenchment does not mean that the Hawaiian Dredging Co. should go to the expense of the work, taking warrants therefor and waiting for their money to the extent of \$30,000."

Regarding a report that the Nuuanu bridge foundations had been washed out by a recent flood, Governor Carter stated that it was untrue. Only a retaining wall had been carried away and with slight repairing it will be as good as new.

With the assistance of Captain Rodman, U. S. N., it was reported by Mr. Holloway that Pearl Harbor can be buoyed so that it may be declared open to commerce.

The Superintendent will at once take up the matter of bringing water from the Polipoli springs on Maui down to the settlers and see if it can be carried out, under the appropriation of \$5,000 which Senator Baldwin secured in the Legislature.

Governor Carter stated that Mr. Stackable, Collector of Customs, had very kindly arranged to make a daily inspection of the bell buoy, to ascertain whether or not it is in satisfactory operation.

## HARMONY THE WORD

Land and Survey Heads to Work Together.

Amity for antagonism, concord where discord reigned, will characterize the mutual relations of the Survey and Land offices under the new administration. Such was the confident hope expressed by Governor Carter after the conferences held with him yesterday by Surveyor Walter E. Wall and Land Commissioner J. W. Pratt.

Mr. Wall reported that his department was preparing descriptions of areas for lighthouses likely to be occupied by the Federal Government, in addition to the usual routine in dealing with applications for surveys of land wanted as leaseholds, grants, etc., from the Government.

The appropriations for the Survey department to the end of this year will be scarcely more than sufficient. There is a balance of \$2700, while the running expenses are \$2100 a month.

Messrs. Wall and Pratt will act together, endeavoring to get an understanding as to when any particular work should be done—the inspection of the land or its survey. Hitherto there has always been more or less friction on these points between the two departments. The Survey department has complained that it had to survey public lands for purposes of the Land department which were afterward abandoned, making all the labor and expense of surveying go for nothing. Public lands cannot be opened up without first being surveyed.

With the heads of these departments acting in rational concert, there will be harmony. Mr. Pratt is taking hold of his work. One homestead grievance of long standing has been composed, a purchaser having had his long-sought patent sent to him.

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## ADMIRAL EVANS' FLEET WILL GO BACK TO JAPAN

After Coming to Honolulu the Warships Will Return to Old Station.

(ASSOCIATED PRESS CABLEGRAMS.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Evans ordered return Yokohama after Honolulu.

The above cablegram is printed in the condensed form in which it came, the one usual to cable news dispatches. The public is at liberty to interpret it at will so far as the probable length of the squadron's stay in Honolulu is concerned. Should it be the purpose of the Government to send back the squadron as soon as it coals, united requests of the Governor and commercial bodies might induce a change of program, permitting the warships to stay a week or ten days. On the coast such action is often taken and it has proved effective even in cases where the interests of some fashionable resort like Coronado or Del Monte were the principal ones at stake.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—There is great excitement in the cotton market following the publication of the Government's estimate of the season's crop. The price advanced yesterday over \$3 a bale and 2,000,000 bales changed hands.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 4.—There is a panic in cotton. Its price stands ninety points above that of the previous day.

As two million bales of cotton were sold on American stock exchanges yesterday several fortunes must have been made by the men who have for months insisted that cotton would go higher. Chief among these is W. P. Brown, the New Orleans "Cotton King," who made in one day during September, on a big advance in the South's great product, the sum of nearly seven million dollars.

A rise of ninety points in the market at New Orleans is equivalent to an advance in price of \$4.50 per bale.

The estimate of the American crop has now forced the price to such a figure that the cotton mills of Lancashire, England, will almost face ruin. Owing to the recent high prices the mill owners of England shut down on their purchases and put thousands out of work. They expected a big drop in the market later and then intended to buy, figuring that there was really a heavy yield of cotton in the United States and that the high price was only a result of the Brown "corner," but with the shortage known as a reality they are now caught in the door.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Women's organizations throughout the country are agitating to expel Reed Smoot, Utah's recently elected Senator, from office, chiefly on the ground that his oath as a Mormon apostle pledged him to treasonable action against the United States and to the doctrine of blood atonement. A delegation of protesting women has been received by the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Secretary Hay today received a formal call from General Reyes of Colombia.

MADRID, Dec. 4.—The Cabinet has resigned because of Republican obstruction in the Cortes.

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 4.—An anti-Christian rising is reported in Szechuen.

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BEGS FOR ASSISTANCE

Governor Carter stated yesterday afternoon that requests were being received on all sides from Federal departments for assistance from the Territory.

The United States Coast and Geodetic Survey appropriation for its operation at these islands, is insufficient. In compliance with the request, therefore, the Territory is aiding that Federal bureau at present by furnishing it with a man's services.

Nothing has yet been done by the United States Government toward establishing a station or stations of the Weather Bureau in Hawaii. The Hawaiian weather bureau records go back, in some cases, beyond the period when the Federal bureau was started. Therefore it is a matter of some pride with the Territorial government to keep up the continuity of these records, until the Federal government takes up the service.

"We are anxious to have this branch taken up by the Federal government. It would be an important advantage to the mainland service."

The War Department wants the Honolulu harbor lines established. The Secretary of War has sent a request for the Territorial government to furnish maps with the harbor lines exactly marked. He wants permanent marks made on the mainland or inshore, as it is considered unsatisfactory to have them upon the docks. In this matter the Governor said it would be impossible for the Territorial government to comply with the request of the Secretary of War. "We have not the means," he explained.

With regard to the dredging of the harbor, Governor Carter feels that a thorough job is more than the finances of the Territory can stand. The contractors bid on the work with the idea of having the whole work to do, but the most that could be undertaken now was the expenditure of the \$50,000 the Loan Bill provided.

"It would be wise for the people as a whole," the Governor said, "considering the great importance of maintaining Honolulu harbor as a deep-water shelter for ocean commerce, to appeal to Congress for adequate means from the Federal treasury for this object. Delay might send some steamship lines by us. Assistance is urgently needed, though with our own available means we can at least dredge the entrance to the harbor."